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SUBJEIT: CULTURAL PRESENTATION: ROGER WAGNER CORALE

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1. ON EVE PRESIDENT NIXON'S DEPARTURE FROM USSR, STATE TV BROADCAST VIDEOTAPED TCHAIKOVSKY HALL CONCERT OF ROGER WAGNER CHORALE. SIXTY-MINUTE PRIME-TIME PROGRAM '2130) FOLLOWED TOP NEWS SHOW VREMYA ON FIRST PROGRAM.

2. STATION GAVE BRIEF INTRODUCTION IDENTIFYING CHOIR FROM U.S. AND BEGAN TAPE, IN WHICH ON-STAGE NARRATOR INTRODUCED MUSIC. BROADCAST EXCERPT WAS SECOND HALF OF WAGNER'S MAY 3) PROGRAM, AND FIRST PIERE INTRODUCED WAS MEMORIAL TO SOL HUOK, DESCRIBED AS HAVING CONTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE TO SOVIET-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. BALANCE OF CONCERT PLAYED WITHOUT PAUSE, INCLUDING FIRST THREE ENCORES. STRONG, RHYTHMIC APPLAUSE HEARD AT END, BUT CAMERA POSITIONS DID NOT PERMIT COVERAGE AUDIENCE.

3. TAPE QUALITY GOOD, WITH CONVENTIONAL BUT EFFECTIVE CAMERA WORK. SOUND QUALITY VERY GOOD OF GROUP AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHOLE, SOMEWHAT WEAKER OR SOFT, A CAPPELLA WORKS.

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